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SUMMARY: SINO- US CONTACTS IN HK ARE MOVING FORWARD ON A BROAD FRONT. US CONGEN OSBORN ATTENDED A LARGE COCKTAIL RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE COMMUNIST TA KUNG PAO (TKP) TO CELEBRATE ITS 25 TH ANNIVERSARY.

PAPER' S SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY EDITION FOR FIRST TIME CARRIED ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THREE US AIRLINES. RECENT CONGEN CONTACTS WITH CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY AND OTHER HK COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY CORDIAL. END SUMMARY

1. SINO- US CONTACTS IN HK ARE MOVING FORWARD ON A BROAD FRONT. ON MARCH 16, CONGEN MR. OSBORN AND US TREASURY DEPARTMENT REP ATTENDED A LARGE COCKTAIL RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE COMMUNIST TA KUNG PAO TO CELEBRATE THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAPER' S PUBLICATION IN HONG KONG. CG' S PRESENCE WAS WIDELY NOTED IN COMMUNIST PRESS, MARCH 17, WHICH CARRIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR. OSBORN SHAKING HANDS WITH TKP PUBLISHER FEI YI- MIN. FEI
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WAS EXTREMELY FRIENDLY IN WELCOMING CG AND INTRODUCING HIM TO OTHER GUESTS, WHICH INCLUDED MANY HKG AND FOREIGN CONSULAR CORPS OFFICIALS.

2. TKP, MARCH 16, IN A SPECIAL ISSUE MARKING ITS ANNIVERSARY, CARRIED LARGE CONGRATULATORY ADS FROM PANAM, TWA AND NORTHWEST AIRLINES. TW AD WAS SOLICITED DIRECTLY BY TKP. TKP CONTACTED OTHER AIRLINES AND US BANKS (WHO DID NOT TAKE ADS) WITH THE AID OF A CHINESE INTERMEDIARY, CONGEN TREASURY REP AND AMCHAM. THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT ADS FOR US COMPANIES HAVE APPEARED IN HK COMMUNIST PRESS.

3. PRIOR TO THE PRC RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS DOWNEY, SMITH AND FLYNN, THE HONG KONG NCNA OFFICE TWICE PHONED CONGEN OSBORN TO PERSONALLY INFORM HIM OF TIME SCHEDULE AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE RELEASES. IN ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF EFFORTS BY HK COMMUNIST PRESS TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH AMERICANS, CONGEN RECENTLY RECEIVED CALL FROM THE NEW EVENING POST INFORMING DLO THAT A US SERVICE-MAN'S BILLFOLD HAD BEEN TURNED IN TO ITS OFFICES AND REQUESTED THAT IT BE PICKED UP.

4. RELATIONS BETWEEN CONGEN AND THE CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY (CRC), PEKING'S PRINCIPAL STATE TRADING AGENCY IN HK, HAVE ALSO BECOME MORE CORDIAL. ON MARCH 9, DEPARTING COMMERCIAL OFFICER IDE, ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER CONGEN OFF, PAID FAREWELL CALL ON CRC OFFICIAL T. CH' EN (1972 HK 6501, HK A-283). DURING VISIT CH' EN NOTICEABLY FRIENDLIER AND MORE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT BROAD RANGE OF SINO- US COMMERCIAL RELATIONS THAN PREVIOUSLY. SINCE THEN CONGEN OFFICERS HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH CH' EN AND OTHER COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES (HK 2234, A-62) DURING WHICH ATMOSPHERE WAS EXREMELY CORDIAL.
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